Libelli: Peer review

Libelli practices 'single blind' peer review; authors are not informed of the reviewers' identity. In addition, manuscripts are evaluated by the editorial team, and the final decision regarding publication rests with the responsible editor.

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Peer review process

Original manuscripts received by the publisher are forwarded to Libelli's editorial board. The publisher is the link between the editors and the reviewers.

If the editorial board determines that the manuscript is in keeping with the scope of the Libelli series and satisfies the criteria for scientific publication, the manuscript is then submitted to peer review.

The manuscript is assessed by a person with appropriate qualifications (doctoral degree or equivalent) in the given field. The reviewer returns the manuscript to the publisher and responsible editor with his/her assessment and specific comments and/or suggested changes. Reviewers may make one of the following recommendations:

- The text is suitable for publication as is.
- The text may be published after minor revision.
- Major changes are required, and the revised text should be submitted for a second round of review.
- The manuscript should be declined.

Upon acceptance, the manuscript is returned to the author for any necessary adjustments, after which the final version is sent back to the publisher for production and publication.

Only professionally qualified persons can evaluate reviewers' assessments and decide whether manuscripts should be accepted or declined. In most instances the editor will make the final decision; it may also be made by a subject editor or guest editor.

Questions to be answered in the peer-review assessment:

- 1. What are the manuscript's strengths with respect to the specific field?
- 2. Is the objective of the book clearly formulated?
- 3. What makes the manuscript relevant, original, or significant?
- 4. Is any of the text superfluous or irrelevant?
- 5. Can the structure be improved?
- 6. Is the text well-written?
- 7. Are there errors or omissions?